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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 28, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to expire on August 28, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$108.00 to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5320.Y1/RDE, for six additional claims and any other fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.